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H.B. No. 2159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study regarding the health and safety issues posed by
3 uncovered ditches that abut surface streets.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "department" means the
6 Department of State Health Services.

7 (b) The department shall conduct a study regarding the
8 health and safety issues that may arise from the presence of
9 uncovered ditches that abut surface streets.

10 (c) The study must:

11 (1) identify any health and safety concerns posed by
12 uncovered ditches that abut surface streets, including:

13 (A) the public health issues that may arise from
14 standing water accumulating in ditches; and

15 (B) traffic hazards that may be caused by the
16 ditches; and

17 (2) propose solutions to address any problems
18 identified.

19 (d) Not later than September 1, 2010, the department shall
20 submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house
21 of representatives, and presiding officers of the relevant standing
22 committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over the department
23 a written report containing the findings of the study and the
24 department's recommendations.

1 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2011.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.